

Please provide thoughtful and telling answers to the questions at the bottom of the page.

1. **ardor** (n.) Fiery intensity of feeling. *The film conveyed a sense of ardor through its use of color and sound.*
2. **formidable** (adj.) Causing fear, apprehension, or dread. *The giant was a formidable opponent.*
3. **guile** (n.) Treacherous cunning; skillful deceit. *The con artist displayed guile in his ability to trick the old woman.*
4. **peril** (n.) Exposure to injury, loss, or destruction; grave risk; jeopardy; danger. *Hanging from the edge of a cliff left them in great peril.*
5. **plunder** (v.) To rob of goods or valuables by open force, as in war or hostile raids. *With the town in flames, soldiers plundered all that was left.*
6. **ponderous** (adj.) Of great weight; heavy; massive. *The vehicle was so ponderous it took three men to move it off the road.*
7. **profusion**(n.) Abundance; a great quantity or amount. *There was a profusion of supply, lowering prices in most markets.*
8. **shun** (v.) To avoid deliberately. *He was lonely after his betrayal because the entire town shunned him.*
9. **tumult** (n.) A general outbreak, riot, uprising, or other disorder. *The rigged elections led to a massive tumult in the streets of Kabul.*
10. **valor** (n.) Boldness or determination in facing great danger. *Achilles was known as a man of great valor on the battlefield.*
11. Greek Root: **dem, demo**: “people” *demagogue, democratic, democratize, epidemic*
12. Latin Root: **fin**: “end,” “boundary,” “limit” *affinity, confine, definitive, finale, finis*

Questions:

1. If a greeting card contained a message of ardor, what might it say?
2. Under what circumstances might a river be described as formidable?
3. When would guile serve someone well?
4. How might a tumult put someone in peril?
5. If someone plundered a doughnut shop what would that mean?
6. What sort of object might be described as ponderous and why?

7. On a beach one can find a profusion of what?
8. What sort of behavior might lead someone to be shunned by his friends?
9. When is tumult encouraged in a high school setting?
10. What sort of Halloween costume would convey valor, and why?